

Sparta Perspective

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The bitter cold air being whipped into an absolute fury by blustery, brutally-cold winds direct from the North Pole convinced me winter was surely here to stay for awhile.

That was last Thursday—the day the TV antenna toppled, a section of gutter went sailing off the roof and the mercury refused all day to budge above the zero mark after sinking to a miserable 12 below early that morning.

That was the day the car refused to budge, even with the help of jumper cables. Poor Maurice (of course I name my cars too, doesn't everybody?), I'm not sure if the intense cold did him in or if maybe he'd have been ill anyway. I think he might be trying to tell me he would prefer to be put in a garage each night during the winter months. Which, of course, I would do, if I had a garage. But I don't. Ah, well.

Anyway, I was all set to sit back and enjoy the season when, lo and behold, Saturday dawned warm and with considerable sunshine. Spring was back, again. Most of the thin snow cover melted and Duketheduck enjoyed a lovely stroll around the yard for a couple of hours, poking and snooping about. No doubt he was more than a little delighted to get out of that pen for a time. Of course the nice weather allowed Steve to get up on the roof and repair the antenna, too, for which I was most grateful. I don't watch all that much, but it is nice when I do to be able to see something besides scraggly lines. Sunday followed warm, as well, and it still doesn't seem much like winter out there.

Really we do need some snow—especially if the thermometer

should want to keep on playing a game of yo-yo. I'm afraid I will lose the new bushes planted last year, and my rhubarb plants are already very confused to the point of sending up little red snubbed noses from the ground to see what's going on. Straw or no straw, without some snow cover, things are going to get a heck of a frost bite when those North Pole winds zoom down on us again.

I look forward to the cold blustery days, though. That's when it's fun to putter around the kitchen cooking, trying out new recipes, and eating. Nice, hot, thick beef barley soup, or a tasty, fragrant stew, a tangy pot of chicken vegetable soup, any or all followed by a delicious warm Indian pudding. What is that? A delectable concoction of milk and cornmeal,

flavored with molasses and spices and enriched with plump, sweet raisins. Mm-mm-dee-liscious! For that matter so is cornmeal "mush," as we used to call it. (Kris raised her eyebrows at that one. "Cornmeal WHAT?"). Honestly, it is very good and a nice change from oatmeal on a cold morning. (She's not convinced, she says.)

I have the feeling that all these goodies are responsible for that too-slug feeling my clothes usually give me along about March, or maybe even February, every year. I must cut back, I know. Or so they tell me. Not just to keep the weight down but also to keep that fun-spoiler, cholesterol, under control. (After seeing the headline in this morning's paper that almost a million Americans succumb to cardiovas-

cular diseases, I need no urging to mind my calories.) I am glad, though, that cornmeal is not one of the "enemies".

Naturally, talking about food makes me ravenous. Anybody care for a nice hot cup of tea—and a celery stick?

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*He spreads snow like wool;
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waters freeze.*
Psalm 147

There is something rather majestic in the sight of a snowy scene. The quiet enfolds us like a blanket as nature takes on its mantle of white. The beauty of God's world is never ending, following season upon season. It reminds us that His love is ever present, speaking to us through the beauty of a snowflake at wintertime, or through the brightness of a flower in the spring. We invite you to join in praising the Creator of all the beauty of the season, at the church of your choice.

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